

**VIA ECFS**

***EX PARTE***

May 1, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re:   *Petition of Verizon New England for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in Rhode Island, WC Docket No. 08-24; Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in Cox's Service Territory in the Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Dkt. No. 08-49***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Julia Strow, Vice President of EAS Consulting, Inc. and an outside consultant to One Communications Corp., James P. Prenetta, Jr., Executive Vice President and General of One Communications Corp and the undersigned, representing One Communications Corp., met with Commissioner Robert McDowell and Nick Alexander, legal advisor to Commissioner Robert McDowell. Earlier today, Ms. Strow, Mr. Prenetta, the undersigned and Howard Janzen, CEO of One Communications Corp., met separately with (1) Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Mark Stone, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, and (2) Acting Chairman Michael Copps and Scott Deutchman, legal advisor to Acting Chairman Copps. All three meetings concerned the above-referenced proceedings.

The participants urged the Commission to deny the petitions for forbearance that gave rise to the above-referenced proceedings and to adopt the standard for assessing incumbent LEC petitions for forbearance from unbundling obligations that was proposed by a coalition of competitors, including Cbeyond, Integra, One Communications and tw telecom, on March 26, 2009.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Scott Deuchman  
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